

# **Pueblo of Isleta**

## **Public Services Department**

### **Environment Division**

**An Overview of the Pueblo of Isleta's Involvement  
with the State on Water and the Environment**

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Transportation corridors  
across the Pueblo include

Interstate 25

NM 47 (Broadway Blvd)

NM 314 (Isleta Blvd)

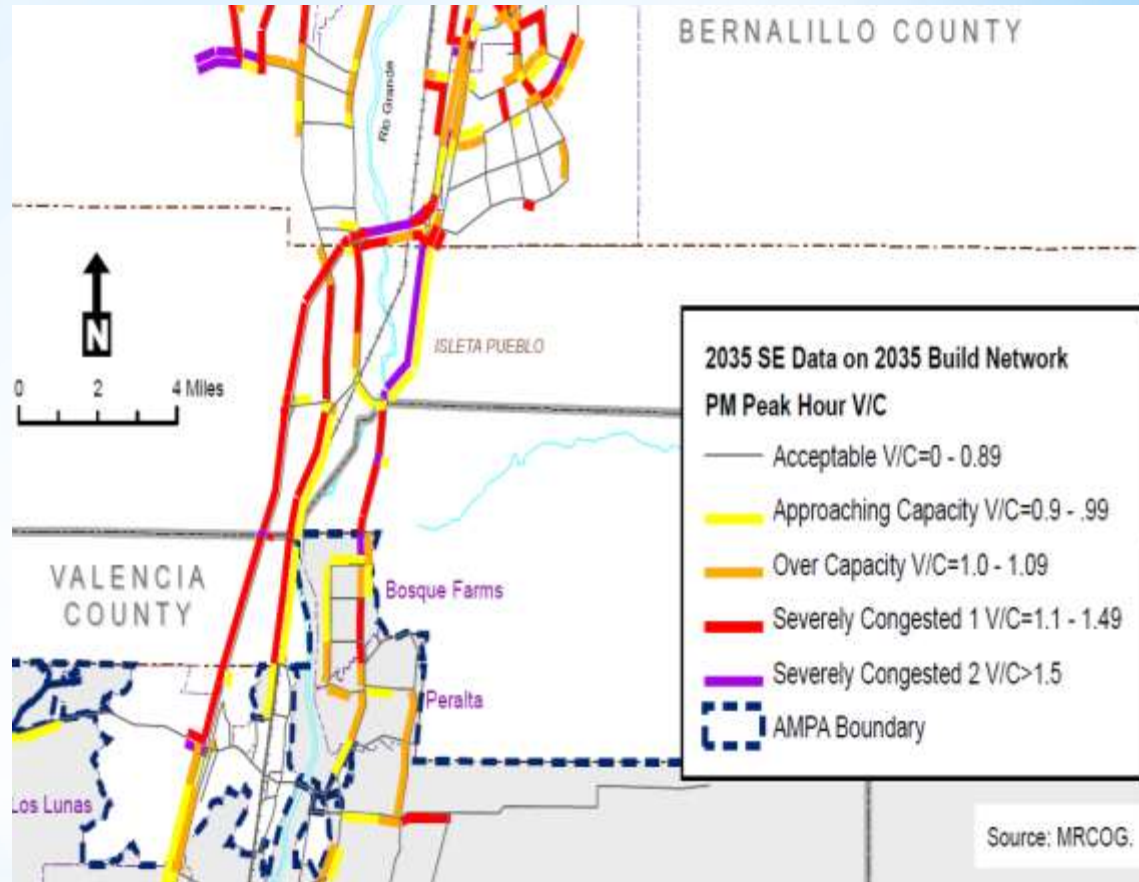
NM 45 (Coors Blvd)

NM 147

NM 317 (NM 45 - I-25)

The Black Bridge

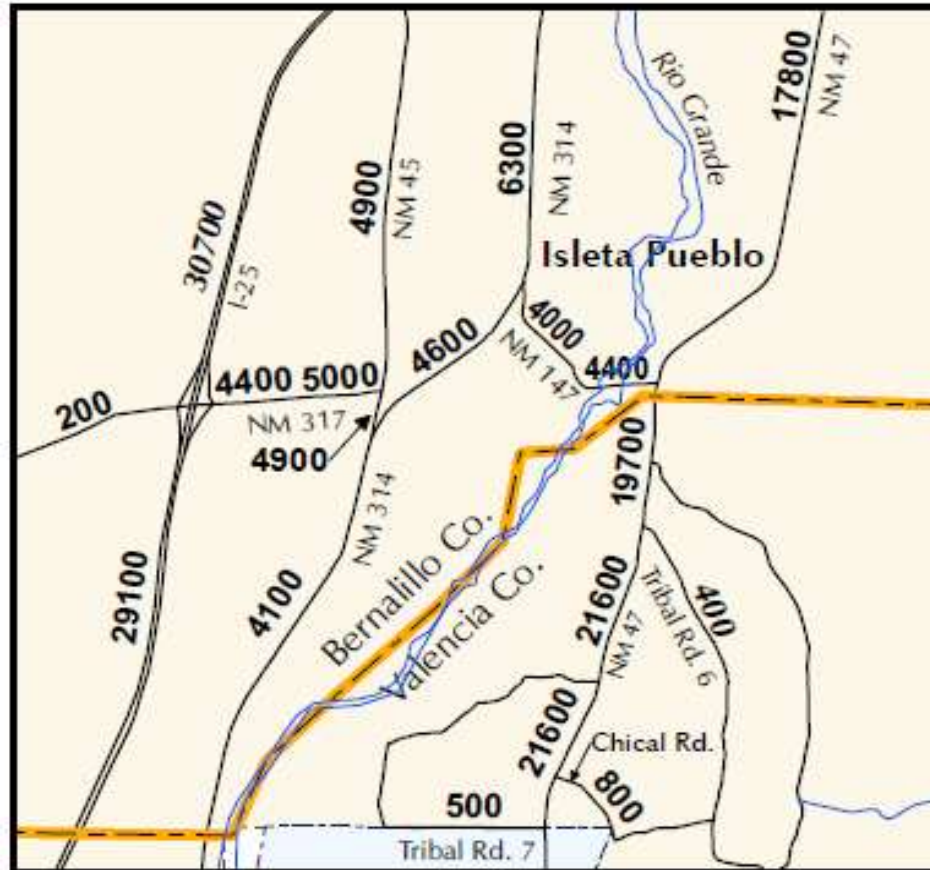
+ Railrunner Stop



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Therefore a lot of traffic

### Inset for Isleta Pueblo



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# ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS WHERE WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE STATE

**State Water Plan, a Public Listening Meeting was held in Isleta. Tribal lands are excluded from the Plan.**

**NMED assisted with an enforcement action where a responsible party was causing pollution near the Pueblo's northern boundary.**

**Opportunity to comment on permits such as a landfill in the South Valley**

**[Postscript: The State Epidemiologist has presented surveillance data on cancer and whether the Pueblo of Isleta is a cancer cluster]**

# TRAINING

## #1 is Hunter Safety

**Meth Lab Recognition Workshop (2010) with Indian Health Service, Bernalillo County Substance Abuse Program, NM State Police, FBI, and staff from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA - a White House Initiative)**

# CERTIFICATION

**The Pueblo has 4 community and 2 non-community water systems. 10 water and wastewater operators are certified by either the State or EPA (Levels I through IV)**

**The Pueblo entered into a MOA to certify a pesticide applicator at the Golf Course (2012-17).**



# HIGHER EDUCATION

**Last spring at the UNM American Indian Student Services graduation symposium, it was announced that over 250 degrees were awarded to Native American students.**

# GRANTS

**NM Recycling Coalition to purchase 2 mobile recycling trailers**







## Environmental Response

**Karler Property** - former meat packing operation on Broadway Blvd just north of the Isleta Reservation

# WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

40 CFR § 131.2 Purpose.

A water quality standard defines the water quality goals of a (1) water body, or portion thereof, by designating the (2) use or uses to be made of the water and by (3) setting criteria necessary to protect the uses.▲

**The Pueblo of Isleta was the first Tribe in the country to have its water quality standards approved (1993) by the US Environmental Protection Agency**

# Water body uses for the segment of the Río Grande that passes through the Reservation

2002

- a. Warmwater fishery
- b. Primary contact ceremonial
- c. Primary contact recreational
- d. Agricultural water supply
- e. Industrial water supply
- f. Wildlife usage

**Along with other entities in the urbanized area upstream of the Pueblo within the middle Río Grande watershed, we will soon share responsibility under the Clean Water Act for stormwater pollution control.**

**Potentially Eligible MS4s. The following MS4s, along with any designated by the Director, are potentially eligible for authorization under this permit:**

- City of Albuquerque
- AMAFCA (Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control)
- UNM (University of New Mexico)
- NMDOT (New Mexico Department of Transportation District 3)
- Bernalillo County
- Sandoval County
- Village of Corrales
- City of Rio Rancho
- Los Ranchos de Albuquerque
- KAFB (Kirtland Air Force Base)
- Town of Bernalillo
- EXPO (State Fairgrounds/Expo NM)
- SSCAFCA (Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority)
- ESCAFCA (Eastern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority)
- Sandia Laboratories, Department of Energy (DOE)
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Santa Ana





The Pueblo has notified EPA Region 6 that it intends to cooperate with NMDOT on stormwater pollution control